

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee

Date: January 16, 2018 Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Council on Aging

Approved as corrected at the January 24, 2018 meeting

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Minutes of January 16, 2018 CPC Meeting

Present: John Bresnahan, Linda Glenn, Beth Green (connected remotely), Donald Holland, Sheri Knight, Ron Manseau, Arlene Miller, Jeff Rintoul, and Steven Weiss

Absent: none

1. Minutes from prior meeting

- Minutes from December 20, 2017 were approved as corrected.

2. Report from Chair

- Chairman Weiss allowed the petitioner from the Wolf Swamp Road fields project to speak on progress and issues related to that proposal.
- Chairman Weiss reviewed the status of the “reimbursement” request from Betsy Port for “save Bliss Park” signs or brochures to Marisa. He volunteered to follow up on that.

3. Review of 2018 Applications: Discussion Among Committee Members

- 2018-4 First Church Columns Restoration
 - Same as 2017 application for column restoration.
 - Lawsuit is still pending from Acton re whether or not CPC can fund church repairs.
 - First Church has already started restoration of columns.
 - Steve will confirm with Stuart if we can or cannot use CPC funds to “reimburse” for completed or in progress work.
- 2018-5 First Church Chancel Roof Replacement
 - Lawsuit is still pending from Acton re whether or not CPC can fund church repairs.
 - It has been confirmed that this proposal is for replacement of roof slate with slate.
- 2018-1 Bliss Park Open Space Phase II
 - Beth suggested that we allow the applicant to decide which material to use for the picnic tables.
 - We need to confirm if we can fund tree planting. The applicant made a strong case for this CPC funding being allowable.
 - We need clarification about the source of funding for the trail maps. Scouts/ CPC? Is CPC funding allowed to be used for maps? Steve will confirm.
 - Members discussed the possibility of reducing the funds allocated to the 6 picnic tables to fund 4 tables.

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- 2018-3 Riverfront Conservation Picnic Benches and Tables
 - CPC members had asked the applicant to actually look at some of the benches and sit on them and report back to us. This information was not available.
 - There was a question raised about how many times the picnic table molds can be used.

- 2018-2 Wolf Swamp Field Irrigation, Leveling and improvement
- 2018-7 Wolf Swamp Field Ring Road (Parking)
 - CPC members agreed that we must have the master plan document in hand before we can intelligently discuss this expensive and very large project any further. We will defer this discussion until our next meeting.

- 2018-6 Community House Roof and Gutter Repair
 - Very few questions were raised about this project as presented. Most members recognized the need to fund this project.

- 2018-8 Bliss Park Playground Surface Replacement
 - Members reviewed a revised and updated request for this project. The revised request included the funds needed to make repairs on the equipment as well as replacing the flooring.
 - In consideration of all the other public space funding that is being requested, it was suggested we could consider only funding a portion (the replacement parts) of this request.

- 2018-9 Feasibility Study of Former Train Station
 - Steve shared some historical information about this request and the train station. Very few questions were asked.

4. Review of Outstanding Projects

- The Chairman proposed, and all agreed, to postpone any discussion on outstanding projects until another meeting.

5. New Business/Misc.

Sheri reported that she has been approved by the Select Board as an official member of the CPC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM
Minutes submitted by Arlene Miller